TRUST'S INVASION.

England Fears American Capital Will Beat Her in Her Own Market.

PAPERS' SOLEMN WARNINGS.

Fear Time Is Coming When Englishman Will Have to Rely for His Food on Far-Away Chicago-Gigantic Scheme.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK MERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. on, Dec. 5.-(Copyright, 1903.)-The sin-not of alarm-at the invasion of he American beef trust was sounded in Liverpool this week under display head-ings: "Our Food Supply-Coloscal Scheme of American Aggression-Progress Made in North of England-Serious Outlook." The Liverpool Courier printed a twoumn article based on the "unpleasant spect of that time to come when Engent will have to rely for the quality. quantity and price of his only food on a nere handful of ambitious millionaires in such a far-away place as Chicago.

"If such undesirable conditions, with all dant evils, are not brought about." the paper, "It will not be the fault of those determined millionaires, who, octopus like, are throwing out tenthe shape of capital in every tvable direction, and have already ered into English commercial life the thin end of the wedge toward a moappoly of popular food supply.

"It is interesting that this should become known just when the textile trade of East Lancashire is likely to be seriously disturbed owing to the introduction of American methods, which are objected to by the working people and persisted in by the masters."

The Courier then reverts to the purchase years ago by the Swifts of the business of Fowler Brothers, Ltd., and George Fowler & Co., two of the largest firms in the provision trade in Great Britain.

A new ilmited combine of provision dealers was commenced in Liverpool. This new trade organization has developed opnions with such rapidity and over such a wide area that it is conjectured by local provision merchants that it must be backed up by a group of Chicago's milesched up by a group of Chicago's mi

tion, of raomopolising the retail grocery time previously.

This, it is feared, has been proved to be equal, in the short space of twelve months, this richly endowed company epened retail shops in various parts of the country, principally in the north of England, and established offices and a distributing center in Liverpoot. It is stated that this company is part and parcel of a wallthy-syndicate on the other side of the Aliantic, that practically controls almost three-fourths of the beef supply to this country.

The next important step is to get into their canacious hands the control of Englands retail trade. That would give them the power, not only of controlling the beautiful of the controlled in America, but a feel of sweeping aside all classes materials in a manufaction in America, but a feel of sweeping aside all classes materials in a manufaction of pocketing profits which now go to a great army of agents of wholesule dealers and shop-keeper. They would afterwards be able in fix the price of the people's food as they thought fit.

GIGANTIC SCHEME.

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The scheme is regarded in some com-percial circles as one of the most gigantic ever attempted. Unknown to the public combine of American capitalists has dy purchased and opened more than arready purchased and opened more than freely and provision retail shops in the north of England, and largely manufacturing towns of Lancashire. They are now turning their attention to Liverpool. Although the new company is registered at English, there seems no reason to doubt that it is a vital part of the huge American Meat Trust. In the factory, forger, coal-mining centers of the north of England, where co-operative stores flourist and where the company is making its presence felt, it has purchased retail shops at good prices, hidden its identity and kept the people ignorant of the change of proprietorship by retaining the name over the establishment of the previous owner on the change of the establishment.

methods are characterized by its story of the reported growth of the American cotopus, the Liverpool Courier printed a column of interviews with local merchants, who, while admitting the invasion, showed a disposition not to regard the situation as serious, especially in view of the marked development of supplies from Canada and Australia. George Wall, chairman of one big company in Liverpool, said:

"Americans may do all right with their nuge stores in the United States, but when it comes to shopkeeping, we can beat them."

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Ther leading Liverpool merchants on their leading Liverpool merchants on the leading Liverpool merchants on the leading Liverpool merchants the whole provision trade. The fact the whole provision trade. The fact a number of grocery establishma, principally in Lancanhire, had not them the subject of discussion ones traders, but that their neighbornous the pond entertained the idea of aking a clean sweep of English whole and retail provision dealers was not middered likely, because of its impractibles.

STEEL MAGNATE'S WIFE DIES SUDDENLY IN STORE.

Mrs. Dilworth of Pittaburg Victim of exy While Returning From Skepping Tour in New York.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Den. 5.-Mrs. Lawrence A Diworth, wife of a steel manufacturer in Koopman's antique art store at No. 234 Fifth avenue. Death, it is beleved, was caused by apoplexy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dilworth came to the city few days ago and stayed at the Wall orf-Astoria. Mr. Dilworth attended the linner given by Andrew Carnegie las sight to some of his old associates in the

it is some or his old associates in the lightest of the hotel when she was returning to the hotel when she was returning to the hotel when she same ill as she reached Koopman'. The she went inside, and, saying tha felt weak, asked for a seat. A glas water was brought to her, but as she do to take the drink she became uncon our and died almost instantly.

MARK TWAIN'S WIFE ILL Mrs. Clemens Remains in Seclusion in Florence.

PECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC Florence, Italy, Dec. 5.—Since Mrs. James, wife of Samuel L. Clemens "Mark Twain"), arrived here, November t she has been so indisposed that no one her family has been allowed to

edger Digs Out Gold.

Sample Lines of Jewelry

For Half and Le s Than Half the Usual Prices.

A N enormous quantity, including all the samples used by two large manufacturers and importers.

Scarf Pins, Lace Pins, Pin Sets and Hat Pins; a great variety; splendid styles; values are positively up 5c to 15c and 19c—Basement 5c to 15c and 19c—Basement 10c

Waist Sets, Sash Pins, Buckles, Pin

his assortment contains fine rolled plated goods, exquiste styles, in Brocches, Lace Pins, Charms, Bracclets, Link Buttons, Buckles, Pin Sets, Lockets, etc., etc.; very beautiful settings; a large assortment; values are positively \$1; choice. THE very best goods from these purchases are pieces of sterling sil-

The ver, silver and gold plated, an enormous variety of styles and settings, including rolled and gold plated Scarf Pins, Bracelets, Lockets, Earrings, Hat Pins, Sash Pins, Lace and Brooch Pins, Studs, Fobs, Buckles, Waist Sets, Pin Sets, Link Buttons, Ear Studs, Chains and Fancy Mech Purses. The above represents a line of goods that we are proud to show, all

splendid styles, articles well put together and will give substantial service; in fact, it is questionable whether you could get better jewelry if you paid eight or ten times the price. On sale as follows: Jewelry worth up to \$1.48; choice.. 59e Jewelry worth up to \$2.5; choice.. \$1.45 Jewelry worth up to \$1.59; choice.. \$1.95 Jewelry worth up to \$2.75; choice.. \$1.19 Jewelry worth up to \$2.75; choice.. \$2.98 SAMPLE line of beautiful Pearl Necklaces, bought at fifty cents

A on the dollar and will be sold the same way. Some are fine filled Pearl Beads in single strings, others with fancy Rhinestone Slides; there are different sizes, small, large and graduated; every one perfect; they look very rich; from one to three of a kind.

Pearl Necklaces worth 35c for....15c Pearl Necklaces worth \$1.00 for....30c Pearl Necklaces worth 69c for....25c Pearl Necklaces worth \$2.50 for....60c

Extra Specials

for early shoppers.

Women's common sense Felt house Slip pers, warm and com-fortable, all sizes, 75values; on sale from 8 to 10 on main 39c Bedspre ds-360 large size white crochet Bed-

spreads, Marsseilles designs; on sale from 8 to 10 in basement, at .. 59c Blesched Sheets--- 100

dozen genuine New York Mills ready-made B'eached Sheets, size 81 x 90 inches, worth 75c; from 8 to 10 in at 59c

Outing Flar nel-extra good quality light striped and checked Outing Flannel, pink and blue, worth 8c a yard; from 8 to 10 in basement.

"Dalsy" Flannelettes ... be t quality Ameskeng Mills soft fleeced solid colored Daisy Fian-nelettes, mostly reds, worth 121/2c a yard; from 8 to 10 in basement, per 71/2 C

Lambrequins ... Mantel or piano lambrequins of heavy grade sateen, exact copies of real Cnina silks, finished with thread fringe, 39c values; from 8 to 10 on third floor,



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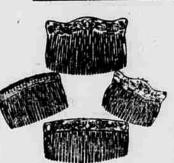
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WOMEN not content with a shapely head and beau-VV tiful hair must wear from three to a half dezea beautiful combs, at least so fashion decrees, and who dares deny her dictates?

We are showing an immense range of beautiful styles in Combs. just such as fashion says you must wear. They are set with rhinestones, cyclops, peaceck eyes, jade stones, criesophas and various other mountings; there is hardly any limit to the variety of shades and styres included are real tortoise-shell combs as well as clever imitations; prices range

25c
from \$12.00 down to

A sample line of Jet Back and Side Combs, including 150 pieces, all new shapes and styles, also novelty mounted Back Combs, in a great variety of styles; some with fancy stone settings, all with pretty mountings; they range in value from \$1.50 to \$3.50—choice of the entire lot at.



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Sugar and Cream Set-Large size, new cutting, worth \$5.00-\$3.95

Nappy-Six-inch size. pretty cutting, worth \$2.25 \$1.50

Water Pitcher-Three-pint size, tankard shape, new cut- \$4.98 ting, worth \$6.75.....

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Soup Ladie—Rogers in silk-lined box, engraved free.... \$1.50 Teaspoons-Rogers, fancy pat- 45c tern, set of 6..... Knives and Forks-Rogers, \$1.75 Oyster Forks-Rogers, in \$1.40

Pie Knife-Rogers, in silk-Beer Steins-Blue Flemish. 25c English Porcelain - hand-chased metal cover..... 25c

Child's Set-Rogers, in silk-lined box- 750 Fruit Baucers, German oration, complete for china, nicely decorated, each 12 pcr- \$12.50





French China-109-

100-Piece English Dinner Set, blue decoration, gold sliburing \$11.95



Cigar Jar-Crystal glass, quadruple-plated top.... Gold-Plated Clock-As shown: guaranteed move- \$1.98

Vase (like cut)-Decorated china center, gold-plated mount- \$1.00 ings, 18 inches tall..... Shaving Set (like cut)-Quadruple silver plated, mug and brush, in silk-lined box, engraved free. \$2.25 Fruit Bowl (like cut)-Ruby glass

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Cups and Saucers—Austrian chins, prettily decorated, worth \$2.00 a dozen—cup and saucer IOC \$6.98 Salad Bowl-German china. 25c French China-109- Sugar and Cream Set, Austrian China, neat 25c

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about 2,000 pieces, including alles misses and children, We will Monday on second floor. Extra Se ling Specel The range of styles is im clean. Every article is adapted for the extremely low prices, we atte Women's hand-knit Circular Capes, 80

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Cardigan Jackets, Silk and Angora Hoods, Jackets and Knit Petticoats, that sell regular at \$1.50 and

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dies' Cloth, with lar trimmed with appli fancy silk braid, finis full sleeves, turnov years; excellent va at \$5.00-special...

Umbrella Sale.

FREE- natials engraved on all umrelias without additional charge.



A special purchase of 500 Umbrellas from Hirsch Bros., Philadelphia, at a reduction of one-third, will be placed This entire lot is filled with sample bandles, making the variety very great; the styles are the

ery newest and include long ivory and earl handles trimmed with sterling silver, also mounted and silver-trimmed ivory and horn handles. The umbrellas are silk serge, taped edge, best lock Paragon teel rod, complete with case and tassel; isses for men and women-values range rom \$7.50 to \$10.00; our choice of the entire \$55.00

Presents for Men.

N the Furnishing Goods Section, on main floor, you will find plenty of suggestions for gifts suitable for men. These articles all represent an intrinsic value and consequently will be appre-elated.

Men's Silk Four-in-hands, in all 25c Fine Silk Shield Bows, large assortment of handsome patterns, each one in a pretty box, made from a good line of silks..... 23c



hands, Ascots and Puff Ties, the very latest patterns and shapes; a number of the Four-inhands are reversible-a grade soid by the leading habdashers at 75c and \$1.00-on sale here at. 50c Men's elastic web Suspenders, with lea-

leather ends, cast-off buttons, in a good assortment of patterns; each pair in a p etty box—regular price 39c—Monday—regular

Women's Silk Vests at exactly half price. Women's low neck and sleeveless Si'k



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100-piece set, green

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Set, neat blue dec-

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Plain colored China Silks, 21 inches wide, all shades, including white, 25c 25c

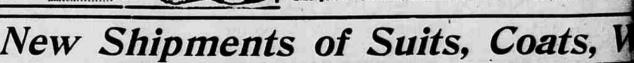
Black All-Slik Moirs and black hemstitched Taffetas, \$1.00 quality, 49c

Blanket Sale.

trictly all-wool White Bed Blanksts, 10size, worth \$4.00 \$2.89

Women's House Wrappers

3 O'Clock Special.



Wonderful Sale of Fashionable Out HE success of this sale of MANUFACTURERS' SAMPLES AND SURPLUS STOC

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Waists. \$5 and \$6 Values \$2.98.

About 250 Silk Waists made of heavy quality black Peau de Soie, front trimmed with wood lace, extra full pouch special.......\$2.98

Waists. \$3.50 and \$5 Values \$1.98.

Women's

Women's stylish Waists of white or black mohair, metallic dot, velvet and French flannel, various styles and trimmings; all sizes in the lot—worth \$3.50 \$1.98

About 40 Dress Skirts of allover face, crepe de chine and imported volice, all exclusive models, very handsomely trimmed; they are made over heavy quality silk drops, the cleverest effects shown this season—values \$19.75 Women's \$15.00 and \$18.00 Suits for \$9.95

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Samples and Surplus Stocks.

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\$29.75 for Women's \$45.00 Jackets.

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